

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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February 24, 2004

FROM: RUDY LOPEZ, Director
Department of Behavioral Health

**SUBJECT: CONTRACT FOR EARLY PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSTIC AND
TREATMENT SERVICES FOR YOUTH IN RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Find it is in the County's best interests to contract with Rolinda Children's Services, Inc., doing business as New Directions Clinic, as a sole source provider for residential services to youth at Silverlake Youth Services.
2. Approve a sole source Contract with Rolinda Children's Services Inc., doing business as New Directions Clinic, for Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services (EPSDT) in the amount of \$655,852 for youth in residential placement for the period February 24, 2004 through June 30, 2005.
3. Authorize the Auditor/Controller to transfer appropriations in the Department of Behavioral Health FY 2003-04 budget in the amount of \$192,898 as detailed in the Financial Impact section.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Approval of this item will allow DBH to contract with Rolinda Children's Services to provide EPSDT services to youth residing in the Silverlake Youth Services group homes in Mentone and Highland.

On March 25, 2003, the Board of supervisors approved an agreement (item #32) with Silverlake Youth Services to provide residential treatment services exclusively for San Bernardino County youth. Group homes are classified between one and fourteen according to the level of care they provide, one being the lowest and level fourteen the highest intensity. The California Department of Social Services, Foster Care Rates Bureau, sets the Rate Classification Levels (RCL). On June 25, 2003, the level of service for Silverlake Youth Services was increased from RCL 12 to RCL 14. After a few months of operation, Silverlake administrative and clinic staff determined that the majority of the minors classified as RCL 14 required additional mental health services, such as those afforded through the EPSDT program.

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The selection of Silverlake occurred through the standard process of selecting group homes for San Bernardino County youth. This process (entitled the Standard Criteria) was approved on March 21, 2000 and established the procedure for recommending group homes to the Board. At this time, DBH is requesting approval of a contract with Rolinda as a partner with Silverlake. Silverlake currently works collaboratively with Rolinda Children's Services to provide an array of services to RCL 14 level youth. Silverlake provides the residential care and treatment services. Rolinda Children's Services is a separate entity that functions as a for-profit partnership that provides supplemental services to youth at Silverlake Youth Services including education services and supplemental funding. The two agencies share administrative staff and support. These agencies work cooperatively to provide services to RCL 14 children; however, each entity is distinct with separate functions and budgets.

DBH is requesting approval of a sole source contract with Rolinda Children's Services to provide EPSDT outpatient services to children in placement at Silverlake.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This contract was reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel (Charles Larkin, Deputy County Counsel 387-5433) on February 09, 2004. This agenda item has also been reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Carol Hughes, Administrative Analyst 388-0211) on February 12, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: For FY 2003-2004, the DBH budget includes \$246,375 to reimburse the Department of Children's Services (DCS) for residential treatment services. Recommendation #3 will transfer \$192,898 from the department's reimbursement budget to the professional services budget to fund this contract. Payments to DCS were not eligible for Medi-Cal reimbursement. By paying the vendor directly, DBH will be reimbursed by state and federal Medi-Cal for 95% of the contract costs. Funding in the amount of \$462,954 for FY 2004-05 will be included in the department's requested budget.

Authorize the Auditor/Controller to make the following changes to the Department of Behavioral Health's FY 2003-04 budget.

Appropriations

<u>FUND</u>	<u>DEPT</u>	<u>ORG</u>	<u>OBJ</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>INCREASE/ DECREASE</u>
AAA	MLH	MLH	2445	Contract Agency Costs	\$192,898	INCREASE
AAA	MLH	MLH	5012	DCS Crisis Residential	\$192,898	DECREASE

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval as the action will result in no local cost to the County.

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